

wherein [the] when said storing portion has stored [the contents] said content data, [the] said charging data, and permission data that allows [contents] said content data to be reproduced, [and

wherein the] said permission data is rewritten to data that allows [contents] said content data stored in [the] said storing portion to be reproduced after [the] said charging process has been completed between [the] said charging processing unit and [the] said server unit.

--31. (Amended) The data recording and reproducing method [as] set forth in claim 30,

wherein when [contents] said content data is written to [the] said storing portion, [the] said permission data [is data that] prohibits [the contents] said content data stored in [the] said storing portion from being reproduced.--

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-31 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

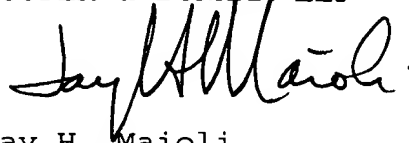
As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and

the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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